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Rev. A. J. Brown D.D.

Dear Dr. -

Owing to the sickness of Mr. Lee I did not get to the annual meeting of the Mission last fall. Since then I have been at the work every day without interruption. A part of the time was occupied with a six weeks tour through my Anak circuit, preaching two and three times every day, besides the usual conference, exhortations, &c, and closing with a splendid class at Sai Pyeng Dong, where Mr. Hunt and Mr. Koons were with me. The condition of the work in almost all of the groups is encouraging. The circuit subscribed enough money to put on another helper this year, and did it in the best spirit. One important item is, the resignation of helper Kim Paik-yong, the oldest helper in northern Whang Hai. It was a source both of sorrow and of joy as well. Sorrow that one who has served so long should have to leave the work, yet a joy that he resigned of his own will and did not need to be asked to do so, which would have been necessary had he not done it of his own will. I do not know just what the effect of his going out of the work will be, as his chief work-
ness all along has been with his tongue. Our hope is that he may have grace given him not to undo any of the good work which he has done in the past.

(I also made two trips to the Western circuit now in charge of Mr. Hunt but where I will have charge after July. I held two classes in this territory one with Dr. Moffett, and one with Dr. Beard, returning a day or two before Christmas. Then the winter Training Class began Dec. 29. and held for two weeks. Of this Class I can say that it proved the best we have yet seen. Better work was done and more regular attendance was secured than in previous classes. Each year shows a marked advancement in the ability of the brethren to grasp the deeper spiritual truths. The attendance was about the same as last year.

Our theological class was in session at the same time as the Training class, but continued for one month. Two others have now joined this class making the number of ~~three~~ our first students for the ministry, eight. The new additions ^{are} Han Suk-ohin, one of Dr. Moffett's first helpers; and Sew Kyang-jo of Sorei, known as the first elder in Korea. (These brethren, because of their long previous study and experience, were allowed to join the first theological class, which has now just completed the second of the five years course. Of the new class to be formed, and which will begin their studies in April, I suppose Dr. Moffett has already informed you.

Since the winter class I have been giving my attention to the South Gate Church for which there is only too little time left. The work is growing rapidly and the building will soon have to be enlarged. On last Sunday I baptized ¹³ and received 23 catechumens. I am also holding a regularly a Saturday

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night meeting with a selected company of a dozen or more, officers and chief men of the church, in order to ^{give} them a special course of instruction, and at the same time to provide for a weekly hour of prayer and consultation with these men for the following sabbath's service; in this way I hope to get into, and to keep in much closer touch with, the whole church. These men bear the main burdens of the church, they are the general's staff. If I can make them Bible students, and enthuse them with the true evangelistic spirit, we shall soon see a great ingathering of souls in this part of the city. It would do your heart good to meet with us in one of these meetings. We are now taking a course in the Life of Christ, spending the last half hour in prayer for the morrow's service and other definite objects. J)

1 X Your long letters which make mention of the doings of the annual meetings especially of the special committee which made such a shameful blunder ^{and reads} and read with a feeling that is not easy to describe. Not having ~~been~~ ^{been} at the meeting I got only the merest inkling of what that com. did, -not ~~even~~ enough to have even raised the merest suspicion. So that when your letter came and was read my heart was greatly grieved indeed. I can speak only concerning myself. I say simply I cannot understand how such a thing could happen. I have never had any other thought than that only the most entire confidence existed between the Korean missionaries and the Board. And the special love ^{for} and confidence ⁱⁿ our own sec'y has been so universal and marked that upon hearing what you say I just do not know what to think. My heart aches - which I know must be true of all - at the thought of any such thing having taken place.

We very greatly appreciate the extra grant of the Board to reimburse us for what we have laid out in order to properly carry on the work through the year. As for myself it has enabled me to keep my literary assistant and to make the regular spring trip to my countrywork which could not have been done had this help not been received. *I suppose as much might be said of each missionary.*

2 X I cannot close without saying a word in behalf of the new station in Whang Hai. It seems according to your last letter that the Board delays giving its sanction to the immediate opening of that station, on the ground of there being no money. But the ~~real~~ extra expense in this particular case need be small. Houses will necessarily need to be erected in Pyeng and in Seoul for those who can occupy the houses vacated by the missionaries who would go to live in the new station; and without question houses can be erected in the new station at very much less expense than they can in Seoul, and with equal or less expense even than in Pyeng Yang. Then if several families lived in the centre of this territory of many churches, - as they would if they lived at Chai Ryong, - much money would be saved in itineration. We believe the time has now come for those who work the Whang Hai territory to live in the midst of their people. If Chai Ryong is selected there can be no mistake, the work will be greatly enhanced by such a

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move. In my territory there will be ten (10) churches within 12 miles of the station. In Mr. Hunt's territory there will be more within that distance. Now when we remember that the farthest point in my circuit will be only about 20 miles and in Mr. Hunt's circuit and Mr. Sherp's circuit the farthest point will be not more than about 60 miles, it must be evident that the point is admirably chosen. If we had a station at Chai Ryong the farthest point would be about as near as the nearest point now is to the missionaries living in Pyong Yeng, and very much nearer than the nearest point to those living in Seoul. The sooner this move be made the better will it be for the work. We hope that it may not ^{be} long delayed.

We greatly rejoice in the evidence of the continued favor of the Lord upon the work in this field and of the especially favorable outlook in the south. There are other matters about which I wish to write you but will defer them until I write again. Very humbly Yours

In Christ

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